



Regional Brownfields Assessment Pilot

Oakland, CA

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Between 1995 and 1996, EPA funded 76 National and Regional Brownfields Assessment Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. EPA is funding more than 27 Pilots in 1997. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

PILOT BACKGROUND

EPA Region 9 selected the City of Oakland for a Regional Brownfields Pilot. Oakland selected two brownfields sites as catalyst sites for other redevelopment projects in Oakland's commercial and industrial centers. The Central District Redevelopment Area is a 2-acre site. The other site is a 17-acre portion of the Coliseum Redevelopment Area of East Oakland. During the past two decades over 20,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in the Coliseum Area due to plant closure and relocation. Over 600 acres in the Coliseum Area have been vacated or are under-used, and over 700 sites have been identified as having known or suspected hazardous or toxic contamination. Most of the Coliseum Area is within a federally-designated Enhanced Enterprise Community.

In April 1997, an additional \$100,000 was added to the Pilot grant which will be used to encourage brownfields revitalization of the redevelopment of the Fruitvale Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) areas's Transit Village project. This large-scale development project is designed to revitalize the neighborhood with shops, offices, and housing in a pedestrian-oriented setting. This is a local, community-driven project for which EPA is partnering with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Health and Human Services

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Oakland, California

Date of Award:
September 1996

Amount: \$200,000

Site Profile: The Pilot targets the redevelopment of two sites in the Central District Redevelopment Area (2 acres) and the Coliseum Redevelopment Area (17 acres).

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(HHS), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) as well as private entities to redevelop this multi-cultural area.

OBJECTIVES

The Oakland Pilot is seeking to revitalize the contaminated properties in the Central District Redevelopment and Coliseum Redevelopment Areas as well as the Fruitvale BART Station area. The major focus of the Pilot will be on completing Phase II site assessments and remediation planning. This information will assist Oakland's Redevelopment Agency in developing a strategy for redevelopment of the sites.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Pilot is:

- Reviewing existing data on two sites and completing site assessments;
- Completing health and safety plans, site surveys, and risk assessments, and preparing summary reports of the findings and recommendations; and
- Developing remedial plans and cost estimates.